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I. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-75. (cancelled)

Claim 76. (currently amended) A controlled release oral solid dosage form comprising a therapeutically effective amount of lovastatin and a controlled release carrier, said dosage form increasing the bioavailability of lovastatin and not increasing the bioavailability of ~~lovastain~~ lovastatin acid, as compared to the same amount of lovastatin administered in an immediate release dosage form, the dosage form providing a time to maximum plasma concentration (Tmax) at from about 10 to about 32 hours and a reduction in serum cholesterol levels when administered to human patients on a once-a-day basis.

Claim 77. (previously presented) A controlled release oral solid dosage form of claim 76, wherein the bioavailability of lovastatin and its latent and active metabolites at steady state conditions is about 1.4 to about 2 fold the bioavailability attained by the same amount of lovastatin administered once daily in an immediate release dosage form, the dosage form providing a reduction in serum cholesterol levels when administered to human patients on a once-a-day basis.

Claim 78. (previously presented) A controlled release oral solid dosage form of claim 76, said dosage form providing an AUC0-24h of lovastatin of greater than 100% of the AUC0-24h provided by the same amount of lovastatin administered in an immediate release dosage form, and said dosage form providing an AUC0-24h of lovastatin acid of less than 100% provided by the same amount of lovastatin administered in an immediate release dosage form, the dosage form providing a reduction in serum cholesterol levels when administered to human patients on a once-a-day basis.